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onto your property and selling you a product that's a prescription item, when the prescription was written by a doctor in some other state or some other county that you don't even know.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR RAIKES: But I would also...oh, thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time. Thank you, Senator Raikes and Senator Dierks. Senator Quandahl.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Thank you, Madam President. I was wondering if Senator Dierks would respond to...

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Dierks, will you respond once more?

SENATOR DIERKS: You bet.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Senator Dierks, I'm familiar with an attorney-client privilege or a doctor-client privilege. Would this raise the status of a veterinary-client privilege? Is it more or less synonymous with that, or am I thinking wrong?

SENATOR DIERKS: I think you're thinking right. I'm not sure that "raise" is the right adjective. (Laughter)

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Could you give me an example where...another question. And my ears are turning red after that one. It's...could you give me an example where a veterinary-client privilege would be invoked, or...give me an example.

SENATOR DIERKS: I think in the instance that I was talking about with Senator Raikes, we've had examples of indiscriminate use of prescription items in Nebraska. And they can't be sold except on the prescription by a veterinarian. And some veterinarians are prone to issue a book of prescriptions with all the prescriptions signed, with nothing written in the middle of them. And it's a violation of our ethics, I think, but they're able to get by with that. And this would tighten that process up.